

# Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women

## Women's History Month Video Contest



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*Celebrating Women's History: Using Today's Technology to Talk about our Past*

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### **Teachers and Schools: Compete for a chance to win \$500 toward school supplies!**

To celebrate Women's History Month in March, the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Iowa Commission on the Status of Women has historically hosted the Write Women Back into History essay contest for students in grades 6-9. This year, through using today's technology to talk about our past, the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women (with financial support from the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women) is introducing its first ever video contest to celebrate women's history and opening up the entries to grades 5-12 teachers and their students.

We encourage all teachers and students to engage their entire schools in celebrating the valuable contributions women have made to society throughout the month of March.

### **Video Submission Deadline: Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

The top two districts (one winner in each category) will be awarded a \$500 prize to be used for school supplies for the winning classroom. Submitted videos may be featured on the Iowa Department of Human Rights' website, screened on YouTube, and/or other promotional venues.



*The two \$500 awards are made possible by the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, the not-for-profit organization that supports and assists with the charitable and educational activities of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women (ICSW). Through private, tax-deductible donations, the Friends expands the capacity of the ICSW to take on projects that improve the lives of women and girls in Iowa, and provides its own structure for responsive, innovative activities to support women.*

Entrants should create an original one (1) to three (3) minute video examining how women (one or more women) in Iowa's history have affected life in Iowa, the nation, or the world today.

Some ideas for topics may include (but are not limited to) women's roles in:

- Civil rights
- Women's suffrage
- Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields
- Education
- The arts and culture
- Government
- Medicine
- Law
- Agriculture

## **Submission Guidelines**

Classroom entrants must submit a one (1) to three (3) minute video in one of two categories based on the following age categories of students (based on attendance through August 2016):

- Category one: Entrants are in grades 5-8.
- Category two: Entrants are in grades 9-12.

Submissions must include:

- Video (on CD/DVD) or link to the YouTube video (submitted through YouTube)
- 2016 application form,
- A signed waiver/release form for every person appearing in the video (students and adults), and
- A signed copyright transfer agreement (completed by teacher or school administrator).

Please send all materials by mail to:

Office on the Status of Women  
Lucas State Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
321 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Des Moines, IA 50319

**Videos are due:**

Videos must be post-marked or posted to YouTube by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to be considered for the contest.

**Judging**

Videos that meet the contest guidelines will initially be reviewed by a panel of judges from contest partners. The top three videos in each category will be posted on the Iowa Department of Human Rights' website on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Electronic voting (through the Iowa Department of Human Rights website) will be open to the public to vote on the videos on March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be determined and announced the following week.

The school district associated with the first place video for both age categories will receive a \$500 prize to be used toward school supplies for the classroom that submitted the video. There is also an option for a visit by the Director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights and a representative from the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women for an all-school assembly or to meet with the winning classroom to present the award.

**Questions?**

Contact Kristen Corey at [women@iowa.gov](mailto:women@iowa.gov) or 515-281-4470/800-558-4427 or visit the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women's website at: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cas/icsw>.



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